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THE STANSTEAD COLLEGE ADMISSIONS MAGAZINE

## Making Connections

Who is the Stanstead College graduate?

10 things you'll do at Stanstead College

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### OUR SCHOOL

- Founded in 1872
- Grades 7 through 12, girls and boys
- Boarding and day
- Located in Stanstead, Quebec, a town of approximately 3000 in Southeastern Quebec
- 1.5 hours from Montreal
- A five-minute walk to the United States border

### ACADEMICS

- Class sizes averaging 13 students
- Teacher-student ratio of 1:8
- English curriculum, French in all levels
- Advanced Placement offerings
- Art, Music and Drama
- Exceptional university placement rates
- Graduates attend top North American universities
- Personal advisors and helpful teachers
- ESL programs and ESL support
- Learning resources
- Summer language camps

### BOARDING LIFE

- Safe, supervised environment
- Exposure to diverse cultures and languages
- Extensive interscholastic and intramural athletics
- Multiple club options, including Community Service
- Engaging weekend activities
- Foreign exchange opportunities

### FACILITIES

- Two residences for girls and two for boys, with live-in house directors
- Two gymnasiums, two fitness centres, two squash courts
- Off-campus pool access
- Full indoor hockey arena, two tennis courts, exterior basketball court and outdoor rink
- Six soccer and rugby fields
- A vibrant and well-equipped student centre
- Performance space for drama and music
- Dining hall with delicious, healthy options
- Health centre with 24-hour nurse & counsellor

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# A school with heart

**The myth of modern marketing is that if you use the right keywords, post the best image, craft the perfect tagline – in short, if you can crack the code – your product will rise to the top of the heap. The feeling is that there's an algorithm for everything.**

But an algorithm is as mechanical as the word suggests, a formula. You can use all the keywords and SEO magic in the world, but if there's no heart behind it, your customers will see through the surface.

At Stanstead College, we know what those key words are when it comes to families looking for private schools. We've seen the research, heard from the focus groups. But there's only one word that really matters: connection.

Students from across Canada and around the world come to Stanstead College to study, to improve their skills and to prepare for university. They come to reach their potential. They develop strong value systems that will carry them forward in a sometimes difficult world.

They enjoy small classes, rigorous academics, a physically and emotionally safe learning environment, and so much more that you'll learn all about in the pages ahead.

But these are all words. What unifies them all, what makes them real, what sets Stanstead College apart, are the connections students make here. They are connections between friends that will carry on



Headmaster **Michael Wolfe** with Coach Sarah Vaillancourt and members of the Varsity Girls Hockey Spartans

for years after high school. They are connections between students and caring, inspiring teachers and coaches. They are connections between the traditions of our past and our present-day values. They are connections between cultures, perfectly placed as we are: an English high school in French Quebec nestled against the United States border. They are connections that can be something as simple as a friendly hello from a student on your first visit to campus.

This is what we hear time and again from new students and their families: we make them feel so welcome. There is an instant connection. This is a place where students can and do call home.

*...we are: an English high school in French Quebec nestled against the United States border.*

Stanstead College is not a formula nor a metric nor an algorithm. We are a school with heart. The connections you make here are important, memorable and lasting. I hope you will have the opportunity to find out for yourself.

  
Michael Wolfe  
Headmaster



# Who is the Stanstead College graduate?

The Stanstead College experience instills in its graduates the skills, knowledge and values necessary to achieve their goals and to contribute to their communities as responsible, global citizens.

## The Stanstead College graduate...

- has developed the learning skills and understanding of his or her own individual learning style to achieve success in university and lifelong personal and professional growth.
- has acquired the capacity to think in a critical and creative manner in order to recognize, address and solve complex problems and make reasoned and ethical decisions.
- has the ability to search, assess, select and use local, national and international information in both an autonomous and collaborative manner in order to deepen his or her understanding and problem solving skills.
- is prepared academically with qualifications recognized and accredited around the world to ensure the best possible university placement.
- demonstrates a high level of self-discipline, respect towards others and responsibility to community and society.
- has developed an appreciation and respect for diversity and an ability to integrate and communicate effectively in different cultural settings.
- understands the value of teamwork and commitment to collective endeavours.
- has developed leadership skills and understands the responsibilities of a leader.
- has developed a healthy, active lifestyle and appreciates the benefits of competition in team and individual sports.
- is committed to the importance of building sustainable environments and communities in an interdependent global context.



## The Grade 12 Class of 2017

All 46 of our graduates received offers from post-secondary institutions, including 25 Canadian, 19 US and 2 in Switzerland. They are currently studying 31 different majors or spending a GAP year before continuing with their schooling. This year's most popular school was McGill University, with 8 students attending in the fall of 2017.

**The class of 2017 received scholarship offers of over \$1.5 million.**



# 2017 University Acceptances

## Canadian Schools

Acadia University\*  
Bishop's University\*  
Carleton University\*  
Concordia University\*  
Dalhousie University  
Huron University College  
King's University College\*  
McGill University\*  
McMaster University  
Memorial University Newfoundland  
Mount Allison University\*  
Queen's University  
Quest University\*  
Richard Ivey School of Business\*  
St. Francis Xavier University\*  
St. Mary's University\*  
Trent University  
University of British Columbia  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Ontario Institute of Technology  
University of Ottawa\*  
University of Toronto\*  
University of Waterloo\*  
University of Windsor  
Western University\*

*\*Final placement*

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## US Schools

Canisius College  
Chapman University  
Clarkson University\*  
High Point University  
Lynn University\*  
Middlebury College\*  
Northwestern University\*  
Providence College\*  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
SUNY Canton  
Syracuse University  
University of Delaware  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Michigan  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Vermont  
Whittier College\*  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute\*

## International

Glion Institute for Higher Education\*  
Hotel Institute Montreaux

*For acceptances for the past five years,  
refer to the School Profile at  
[stansteadcollege.com/university-guidance](http://stansteadcollege.com/university-guidance)*

## Fields of Study

Aerospace Engineering  
Architecture  
Arts and Science  
Biology  
Biochemistry  
Biomedical & Life Sciences  
Business Administration  
Chemical Engineering  
Classics  
Construction Management

Economics  
Electrical Engineering  
Engineering  
Exercise Science  
Forensic Science  
Hospitality Management  
Human Kinetics  
International Affairs  
International Business  
International Management

Neuroscience  
Nursing  
Nutrition  
Management  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology

# Long-distance connections

**In the beginning, I had to close the door to my daughter's room during the day, because it was just too painful to not hear her, see her or feel her nearby.**

Every day my husband came home, he opened the door because he felt that with the door closed he could not hear her, see her or feel her.

In the beginning, we made lots of requests for more phone calls. When we did talk, sometimes I had a list next to the phone in order not to forget "essential topics" instead of just happily listening to her voice.

Meanwhile, our daughter had settled well into her home away from home, had made her room there into her kingdom, her safety shelter. She found stability in the organized days, made good friends, created a second family. It's a big one, with substitute moms (house moms and advisor), many teachers she has gotten close to, lots of friendly staff, a healthy environment and a new (very small) hometown.

We are lucky. She calls every single night, sometimes just to say goodnight and sometimes to talk a bit more. When she unexpectedly calls during the afternoon, I drop everything, because I know that she really wants to talk, and I enjoy those moments with all my heart!

Though we are a few thousand kilometres away from each other, in different climates and time zones, we still feel close. We are still the trio, just with a growing teenage daughter who is out in the world, spreading her wings.

*- Andrea Schmitt-Lozano is the mother of Jessica Lozano Schmitt, who is in her third year at Stanstead College in Grade 12.*



**Ever since the first day I stepped on campus,**

I knew Stanstead would be a very special place, and as I learned more and more about it, that never changed. What did change was realizing what makes Stanstead so special. On my first day at Stanstead, I thought it was special for its strong

academics, elite sports and beautiful campus. On my last day at Stanstead, I knew it was special for its caring teachers, talented students and loving atmosphere. The beauty of Stanstead College truly is its people, and though I am sure I will miss the classes, sports and clubs, the thing I know I will miss most is the Stanstead family.

*- Thomas Abbott, 2017, is studying Mathematics at McGill University*



**Stanstead College is one huge opportunity.**

You have the opportunity to come to this small town, with a small school and be surrounded by so many new things. If you come here without knowing anybody, then you're surrounded by over 250 new faces. If you haven't played a sport

before, then you have the chance to try three. If you haven't traveled to New York City, Toronto, Quebec City or even Africa, then Stanstead gives you the opportunity. And remember: everyone and everything at Stanstead is here to help you succeed. Don't be afraid to take advantage of the opportunities you are given here, and really think about the poster that you pass in Colby every day: "If you don't take a chance, you don't stand a chance."

*- Mya Daigle, 2017, is studying Biology at St. Mary's University*



# Global Perspectives

## What our international **parents** tell us



### Mexico

"Stanstead College has offered our children a quality education in a safe environment with family values. Stanstead has become a second home that has given them the opportunity to improve their French skills and make the most of their Canadian experience."

"Stanstead College es una escuela que le ha ofrecido a nuestros hijos una educación de calidad en un ambiente seguro y con valores familiares. Stanstead se ha convertido en un segundo hogar que les ha brindado la oportunidad de mejorar su nivel de francés y disfrutar al máximo de su experiencia canadiense, incorporando nuevas actividades!"



### Japan

"At Stanstead College, we found a school where teachers really understood our child. With their support, our child has become more self-confident, has improved his English language skills and is learning to think critically."

"Stanstead College は私たちの子供をととても理解してくれる学校でした。彼らのサポートによって、自信を持って行動できるようになり、英語も向上して論理的に考えることが出来るようになりました。Stanstead という地域は雄大で自然あふれる健全な環境で、息子は四季を楽しみ、国際色豊かな友人たちと様々なスポーツに勤しんでいます。"



### Germany

"In seeking a year abroad for our daughter, we wanted a true Canadian experience. We wanted her to study in English but to also learn French. And we wanted her to experience Canada's very distinct seasons of fall, winter and spring."

„Bei der Suche nach einem Jahresaufenthalt für meine Tochter wollte ich eines: eine echt kanadische Erfahrung. Ich wollte, dass der Unterricht in Englisch ist, sie aber auch Französisch lernt. Und ich wollte, dass sie Kanadas ausgeprägte Jahreszeiten von Herbst, Winter und Frühling erlebt.“

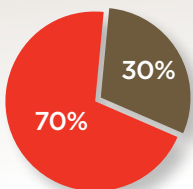


### China

"With personal advisors, experienced university counsellors and a safe, supportive environment, Stanstead College provides students with opportunities to build a portfolio that is competitive at North America's most selective institutions. Graduates gain the skills and confidence to succeed at the post-secondary level and beyond."

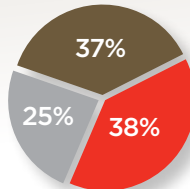
凭借专业、经验丰富的升学顾问和生活导师团队，安全和关怀备至的学习环境，斯坦斯岱学院帮助所有毕业生打造出色的升学优势，从而在北美激烈的名校竞争中脱颖而出，并为未来成功完成大学学习奠定坚实基础和自信。

### Boarding and Day



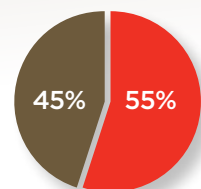
■ BOARDING ■ DAY

### First Language



■ ENGLISH ■ FRENCH ■ OTHER

### Gender



■ GIRLS ■ BOYS





# Academics at Stanstead College

**Students at Stanstead College engage in experiential learning, critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork.**

Small class sizes from Grades 7 to 12 ensure that students receive the attention they need. Based on Quebec Ministry of Education guidelines, with core subjects of Mathematics, English and French at all levels, our rigorous academic program encourages a high level of achievement that contributes to an excellent acceptance rate at first-choice universities.

With an advisor system to keep track of individual progress and educational resources such as evening study and a learning centre, students are well prepared to reach their goals.

Students receive their high school leaving certificate from Quebec upon completion of Grade 11, then complete their studies in Grade 12. This intensive preparatory year provides students with a rigorous academic program leading to a Grade 12 diploma recognized across Canada, the United States and around the world. (See more next page.)



## ESL and English support

Stanstead offers ESL support as well as a structured ESL program for Grade 7 to 9 with an aim of integrating students into the regular academic stream as quickly as possible. All students sign a contract agreeing that they will speak English during the academic day.

The goal is to prepare our non-English speakers for the language demands of university in North America. With that in mind, the school arranges TOEFL and IELTS testing for students in senior grades.



## What about Grade 12?

**Stanstead College is one of only three schools in Quebec that offer a Grade 12 year. Ours is based on Ontario Grade 12 pre-university courses as well as a wide selection of Advanced Placement courses. Our program offers:**

- Classes averaging 13 students
- A diverse and challenging curriculum, including many Advanced Placement courses
- Comprehensive career education and university guidance
- Committed faculty and staff
- Comprehensive co-curricular activities, including athletics, the arts, a wide variety of clubs and the opportunity to be involved in community service
- Leadership and travel opportunities
- Lifelong friendships with students from around the world



## Why AP?

**Advanced Placement** offers the student academic enrichment, the development of study and test-taking skills, and, in many cases, **first-year credits at college and university**. AP allows students to choose enrichment in their stronger subjects and the development of study and test-taking skills. In addition, the external testing offered by the AP program is valuable in the university admission process because, unlike school marks, exam scores are comparable regardless of where the exam was administered. The **AP** curriculum truly completes our school program and complements the Stanstead mission. Stanstead College also offers the possibility of independent online courses.

## AP course offerings

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Biology              | • English Literature |
| • Calculus             | • Français           |
| • Chemistry            | • Human Geography    |
| • Comparative Politics | • Physics            |
| • Economics            | • Statistics         |
| • English Language     | • Studio Art         |

## The University Guidance team

- helps students discover what post-secondary options are available
- narrows those options down to a clear post-secondary goal
- guides the students through the process of achieving that goal

Whether it's helping students prepare for SATs, organizing university visits or compiling applications, the University Guidance team helps students make good choices. **That's why Stanstead College students are accepted at top universities throughout North America and around the world.**



### **Amaron & Mackay Gymnasiums**

With fitness room,  
squash courts



### **Pat Burns Arena**

Includes fitness facility, restaurant, pro shop,  
conference rooms, physiotherapy



### **Alumni House**

Advancement,  
guest rooms



### **Bugbee House**

Junior boys residence



### **Colby House**

Junior girls residence,  
administration,  
classrooms, library,  
reading room



### **Webster House**

Senior girls residence



# Campus Highlights

[stansteadcollege.com/campus-tour](http://stansteadcollege.com/campus-tour)



**LeBaron Hall**

Dining hall,  
French Department,  
reception room

**Gallant House**

Headmaster's residence

**Health Centre**

Resident nurses, school  
counsellor, doctor  
appointments weekly

**Student Centre**

Recreation, lounge,  
Tuck Shop

**Davis House**

Senior boys residence

**Pierce Hall**

Concerts, plays





# fit head body spirit

## **FALL TERM**

Soccer  
Varsity Boys & Girls Hockey  
Cross-Country Running  
Outdoor Pursuits  
Intramurals

## **WINTER TERM**

Basketball  
Hockey  
Squash  
Swimming  
Cross-Country Skiing  
Curling  
Volleyball

## **SPRING TERM**

Rugby  
Tennis  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Softball  
Badminton  
Track

**Athletics at Stanstead College are a tradition going back to the founding of the school. We wholeheartedly believe that a healthy body coupled with the spirit of sportsmanship lead to better self-discipline and a sharper mind.**

Plus, sports are fun. Because Stanstead College is a small school, students who might not make a team elsewhere have the chance to try a new sport for the first time. With afternoon sports mandatory for all students in all three terms, new athletes get to discover what it's like to push themselves physically and mentally while enjoying the undeniable camaraderie of being part of a team.

But Stanstead is also a dominant athletic school for top student-athletes. As the banners in our gyms and arena attest, Stanstead College is consistently competitive in the local high school league and in elite North American hockey leagues. Our varsity boys and girls hockey programs in particular are recognized as among the best in Canada.

Being a Spartan means representing your school with pride and espousing the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, discipline and honour. Become a part of a great tradition of athletic excellence.

## Geneviève Quirion, Class of 2015



Geneviève came to Stanstead to play hockey but was excited to try different sports, including rugby, which she began to play in Grade 9.

She was a member of Team Quebec and is now in her third year playing rugby for the Harvard Crimson. She has been part of the team's leadership group since her freshman year and was named team co-captain for 2018.

*"Stanstead prepared me exceptionally well for what was to come; having already experienced a highly competitive student-athlete life, transitioning into college went smoothly for me. I attribute so much of my success to my teachers and friends at Stanstead because they always believed in me and pushed me in directions I might not have gone on my own."*

Photo credit: Gil Talbot, Harvard Athletics

## Mark Jankowski, Class of 2012



Mark played two years with the Stanstead College Spartans. In his final year, he was a 1<sup>st</sup>-Round NHL Draft pick by the Calgary Flames. In 2015, he and his fellow Providence College Friars were NCAA Division I national champions. In 2016, Mark made his professional debut with the Flames and joined their active roster in 2017.

*"I needed the right balance between academics and hockey," Mark says of his time at Stanstead. "If I'd wanted to just play hockey, I could have gone to just any junior program, but I really wanted the prep school environment."*

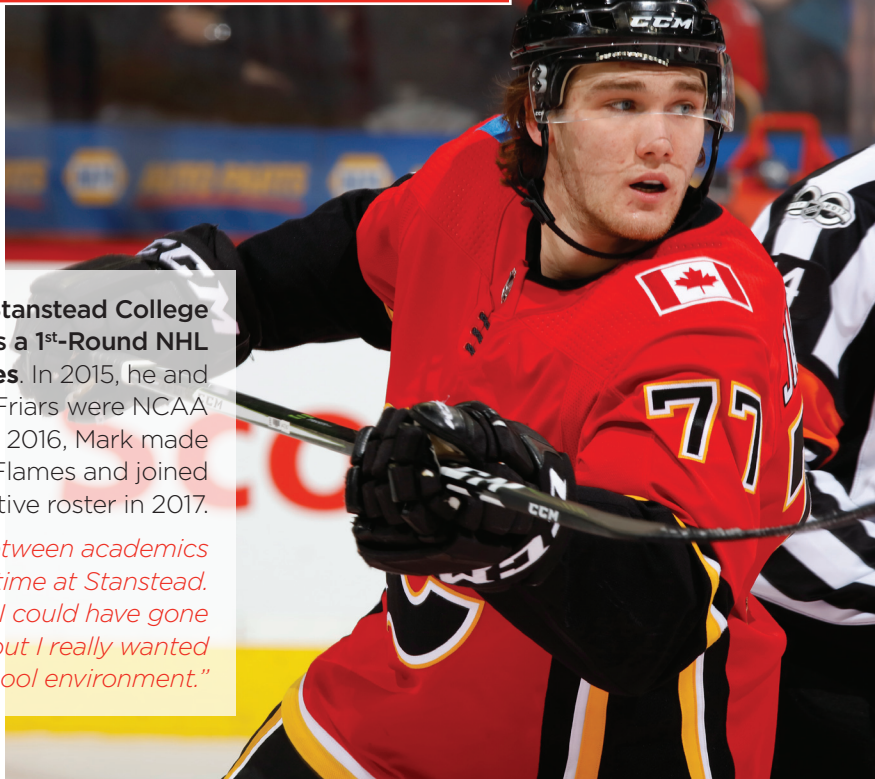


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The **prefect** system recognizes and develops student **leaders**. They serve as role **models** for other students and represent the **spirit** of the school.

the prefects



### Residential Life

Stanstead College has four residences – Bugbee House for junior boys, Colby House for junior girls, Davis House for senior boys and Webster House for senior girls. Each offers a safe, nurturing environment for students from around the world to live and work together. Each residence is overseen by live-in house directors and their families, teachers-on-duty and student prefects who make sure the environment is one of respect and cooperation.

### Faculty Advisors

Each Stanstead student is assigned to an advisor who follows the student's academic progress, troubleshoots when necessary and generally helps ensure that the student is getting the most out of his or her experience at the school. The advisor also acts as the liaison between the school and the student's parents. It's a relationship that ensures no student falls between the cracks.





## Meals

Stanstead College has a fully equipped dining hall offering a variety of healthy meals, including vegetarian options. Family-style lunches with assigned seating are another way for students to meet and interact with their peers in a pleasant, courteous setting.



## Eric T. Webster Student Centre

The student centre is a popular meeting place for students during free time. Equipped with a tuck shop, giant-screen TV, projector, music system, pool table, ping pong and foosball, the centre is a place to relax and meet up with friends.



## Health Services

Stanstead College has 24-hour nursing coverage and clinics throughout the day. A full-time professional counsellor is also based in the Health Centre to respond to the emotional needs of the students. In addition, a doctor comes to the school once a week to attend to the students' health needs. Stanstead College also has access to a dedicated physiotherapist and a life coach.

## CLUBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Community Service  
Yearbook  
Debating  
Tabletop Games  
Art  
Chess  
Fishing  
Photography  
Yearbook  
Dance  
Chinese  
Yoga  
Archery  
Cooking  
Jazz Band  
Orchestra  
Exchange opportunities  
March break service trip  
... and many more!

## ACTIVITIES ALL YEAR LONG

Winter Carnival  
All-Campus  
Cafe Cappuccino  
Variety show  
School play  
Jazz band & choir  
Class trips  
Shopping & movies  
Excursions



# 10 things you'll do at Stanstead College



1. Take ownership of your learning.
2. Embrace winter!
3. Be a part of a sports team.
4. Celebrate acceptance to your first-choice university.
5. Engage with creative teachers who are committed to your progress.



6. Speak French!
7. Become best friends with your roommate, from somewhere halfway around the world.
8. Speak, sing, perform in front of your peers.



9. Learn to love the school uniform.

10. Meet Sparty!

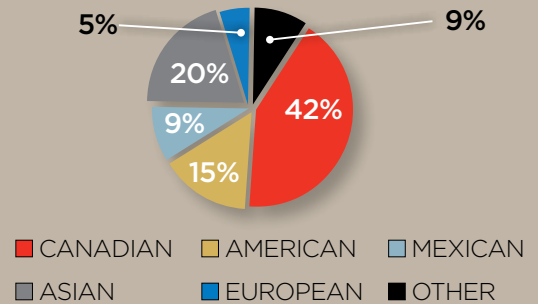


# Fast facts

Students from around the world.



Geographic Distribution



founded in

**1872**

**GIRLS & BOYS**  
**45% 55%**

**AVERAGE**  
**CLASS**  
**SIZE 13**

**60%**  
**OF FACULTY**  
live on campus



**Student**  
**Teacher**  
**RATIO**  
**8:1**



**Students**  
**from**  
**20**  
**DIFFERENT**  
**COUNTRIES**

**STUDENTS**  
**from**  
**7 CANADIAN**  
**PROVINCES**  
**10 US STATES**

**70%**  
**BOARDING**  
**STUDENTS**

**GIRLS & BOYS**  
grades 7-12



# How to apply

## Step 1

Contact a member of the Admissions team. If possible, visit the school during a Campus Visit Day or by appointment.

## Step 2

**Complete our online application form; you can find the link anywhere on our website. Your application should include:**

- three references (two from your current school and one personal);
- a short essay about your goals and how Stanstead College can help you achieve them;
- school transcripts (report cards) from the last two years;
- photos;
- and a copy of your birth certificate.



Meet the Admissions Team, Joanne Carruthers, Patrick Fraser, Gabriela Ron, Suzanne Marrotte



## Step 3

Write our admissions test, the SSAT or an English language test (TOEFL, IELTS or TOEFL Junior).

## Step 4

Have an interview in person or online with a member of our Admissions team. Tell us why Stanstead College will be a better place by accepting you.

## Acceptance:

Applications are received and accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year. However, it is important to note that places are limited. Priority will be given to applications submitted before the end of March.



### Tuition 2018-19

International Boarding \$63,000 CAD

Canadian/USA Boarding\* \$49,400 CAD

Day student\*\* \$21,500 CAD

*\*Applicable for Canadian and American citizens domiciled in Canada or the United States*

*\*\*Applicable for Canadian and American students living locally with parents or legal guardians. International students, please communicate with the Admissions Office for more information. Stanstead College does not permit homestays.*

[StansteadCollege.com/fees-and-scholarships](http://StansteadCollege.com/fees-and-scholarships)

## Commitment

**For the 2017-18 academic year, Stanstead College is committed to providing admission opportunities to as many qualified applicants as possible.** Our Financial Aid Program is designed to bridge the gap between what a family can afford and what it costs to attend Stanstead College. For the 2017-2018 academic year, over 40% of the student body received scholarship funding and/or financial aid amounting to over \$1.6 million. Awards are currently available to new and returning Canadian and American students.

## What I learned – the Class of 2017

“To challenge myself and be brave.”

“When studying, DO NOT take Tetris breaks.”

“If you don’t try, you will never find out.”

“Take every opportunity given.”

“There is never a wrong time for a nap.”

“What today is (a rugby day).”

“Spares with roommates are probably the most unproductive hours you can spend but also the some of the best hours you can spend.”

“To be the best person I can be.”

“Make art.”

“To be responsible.”

“Don’t wait until the end of the year to get to know people.”

“With enough coffee, anything is possible, even taking 7 APs.”

“Stanstead is a special place with special people.”





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## Parting words...

*I remember being 12 and listening to my big brother Fred speak of Stanstead with stars in his eyes, saying how it was the best experience one could live. Five years ago, I had dreams of being here, sitting in one of these chairs, and I remember thinking to myself that one day, I too would talk of Stanstead College with stars in my eyes. And that's what I do now, every time someone asks me if I like it here.*

*Because I do, I like it here. In fact, I love it. I love the teachers. I love my friends. I love my roommate. I love being there for the younger girls. I love being part of sports teams. But mostly, I love the fact that Stanstead has become my home. It's kind of weird to say, given the fact that I live 25 minutes away from here, but home is where the heart is. And my heart is here, at Stanstead College.*

- Florence Aubé, Class of 2018



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